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SUBJ: SUGGESTION BY CUBA THAT LOBSTER TAIL BE BARTERED FOR  
MEXICAN PHARMACEUTICALS.

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1. FISHATT WAS VISITED BY FELIPE PUENTE WHO OFTEN ACTS  
AS A CONSULTANT ON FISHERY MATTERS TO VARIOUS MEXICAN  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO ACT  
AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN GOM (SECRETARIA DE PATRIMONY  
NACIONAL) AND USG CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FROZEN CUBAN  
LOBSTER TAILS IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. ONE OF THE RESULTS OF THE MEXICAN INDUSTRIAL AND  
COMMERICAL FAIR MARCH 21-31, 1975 IN HAVANA WAS THE DESIRE  
ON THE PART OF CUBA TO BUY MEXICAN PHARMACEUTICALS.  
THE CUBANS ARE APPARENTLY SHORT OF CASH AND WOULD PREFER  
A BARTER ARRANGEMENT. THE TRADE-OFF IN THIS CASE WOULD  
BE CUBAN LOBSTER TAILS. THE QUANTITY OF TWO MILLION TONS  
WAS SUGGESTED. FORTY PERCENT OF THE PHARMACEUTICALS  
WOULD BE PAID FOR IN DOLLARS AND THE OTHER SIXTY PERCENT  
IN LOBSTER TAILS. SINCE THE MARKET FOR FROZEN LOBSTER  
TAIL IS THE UNITED STATES AND NOT MEXICO THE MEXICAN  
GOVERNMENT IS SUGGESTING THAT THE FROZEN TAILS BE  
SENT THROUGH MEXICO TO CREST IMPORTING COMPANY OF  
SAN DIEGO WHICH IS A WHOLLY OWNED MEXICAN COMPANY AND  
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DISTRIBUTED IN THE UNITED STATES PROPERLY LABELED

AS A PRODUCT OF CUBA.

3. PUENTE WAS INFORMED THAT THIS IS PRESENTLY  
ILLEGAL UNDER U.S. LAW. HE REPLIED THAT GOM IS AWARE  
OF THIS, BUT ASKED IF WE WOULD CONTACT THE US GOVERN-  
MENT FOR ANY EXPRESSION OF OPINION THAT SUCH A DEAL  
MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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